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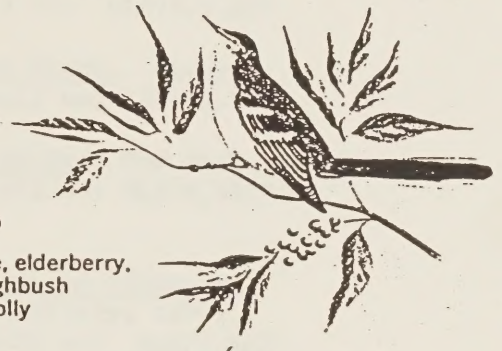
AGRI-TOPICS

PLANTS THAT ATTRACT BIRDS



CARDINAL

autumn-olive, corn,
dogwood, sunflower,
various berries



MOCKINGBIRD

autumn-olive, elderberry,
firethorn, highbush
cranberry, holly

Many are the benefits and rewards derived from attracting birds onto ones property and thus into our lives. Who can resist the simple pleasure of watching the antics of sparrows at the feeder, or the movements of a robin going through the grass searching for the elusive worm? Experience the aggressiveness of a determined redwing as it repeatedly divebombs an intruder for encroaching too closely on its nesting site. One listens with delight to the mockingbird's song and the cockiness in which it patrols its territory.

It is true that birds eat and destroy fruits and berries but they also feed on insects. It is also true that they eat vegetable seeds and lawn seeds, but they also feed on weed seeds. What to do? What to think? It's a trade-off.

Game birds are food for the hunter; and for the photographer, a photo-opportunity; and just pure pleasure to us simple folk who see them as something exciting and unusual in our rather ordinary and humdrum lives.

Be you farmer or hunter, city dweller or suburbanite — if you stop to smell the roses — linger a bit longer and enjoy the birds.

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